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RINTOUL, WILLIAM, Presbyterian minister, missionary, teacher, and editor; b. 31 Oct. 1797 in Kincardine (Kincardine-on-Forth), Scotland, son of Robert Rintoul and Sophia Aitken; m. Christian MacGibbon in Maryport, England, and they had six sons and one daughter; d. 13 Sept. 1851 in Trois-Pistoles, Lower Canada.

William Rintoul, the second son of a merchant, was educated at the University of Glasgow. He was ordained by the Church of Scotland's Presbytery of Dunblane in 1821 after accepting a call from Maryport, England, and while holding that charge he received an MA degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1826. A pamphlet he wrote the same year, called *Remarks on the claims of Scotsmen abroad, on the Christian sympathy and exertions of their countrymen at home*, revealed his decided interest in missionary work and brought him to the attention of church authorities involved with missions. In 1830 the Glasgow Colonial Society received a letter from William **MORRIS**, a prominent Presbyterian in Upper Canada, stating that a Presbyterian congregation newly formed in York (Toronto) needed a Scottish minister "of superior acquirements," and was proposing an attractive bond of £200 currency per annum for three years. The society offered Rintoul the appointment in September 1830 and he accepted, but delayed sailing until the spring when his twin infant sons could safely travel.

As always, however, missionary work remained one of his chief interests. While in Montreal he edited the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record* and undertook missionary travels. In September 1851 while on a trip to Métis (Métis-sur-Mer) on the lower St Lawrence River he contracted what was thought to be cholera and was forced to pause at Trois-Pistoles. Having caught cholera before, he was confident he would recover this time as well, but his condition worsened and he died. One of his sons as well as a physician, both of whom had travelled from Montreal to be with him, obeyed his wishes to be buried in the nearest Protestant cemetery and transferred his remains to Fraserville (Rivière-du-Loup). The obituary in the *Globe* noted that his wife and one child were believed to be on their way back to Canada from a visit to Scotland and would be greeted on landing with the news of his death.